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Collection Information

Abstract : Records relating to the Lincoln Planning Board include primarily minutes of meetings of the Planning Board and of the Long-Range Planning Committee, as well as minutes of the Board of Appeals for requests for zoning variances and non-conforming uses.

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository

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Provenance : Municipal records, Town of Lincoln, deposited in vault ca. 1980s.

Note: Under Massachusetts statutes, municipal documents are property of the municipality and under the control of the municipal clerk or other official. Records are subject to Records Retention schedules, established by the Office of the State Secretary, and may not be destroyed or otherwise disposed of without permission of the State Secretary's Office.

MARC Access: Collection is catalogued in MARC under the following subject headings (lcs, aat, gmgpc, etc.)

Lincoln (Mass. : Town). Planning Board.
Lincoln (Mass. : Town). Board of Appeals.
Lincoln (Mass. : Town). Long-range Planning Committee.
Lincoln (Mass. : Town). Zoning By-Law Revision Committee.
Lincoln (Mass. : Town) -- History.
Lincoln (Mass. : Town) -- Politics and government.
Municipal employees and officials -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.
Zoning -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).
Zoning ordinances -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).
City planning -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town).
Regional planning -- Massachusetts.
Greenbelts -- Massachusetts.
Letters (Correspondence). aat
Minutes. aat
Clippings -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln (Town). aat
Local government records. aat

Historical/Biographical Notes

A petition to the Governor and General Court in 1746 from the inhabitants of the easterly part of Concord, the westerly part of Lexington, and the northerly part of Weston requested to be set off from their respective towns in order to have a more convenient location for worship. A precinct was established, which gave the inhabitants authority to build a meeting house and hire a minister, the Second Precinct of Concord, Lexington, and Weston. A subsequent petition led to the incorporation of the Town of Lincoln in 1754, encompassing approximately the area formerly the Second Precinct. Evolution of Town government over 250 years has increased the number and kind of municipal services provided by Towns in Massachusetts. Planning Boards review and have authority to approve or reject building projects of all types, highway construction projects, shade tree removal; and are involved in regional planning processes and long-range planning. Board of Appeals is a quasi-judicial body with authority under statute to approve or deny requests for variances or non-conforming use to municipal zoning by-laws.

Scope and Content

The collection comprises minutes of meetings of the Planning Board, Board of Appeals, Long-Range Planning Committee, and Zoning By-Law Revision Committee, 1980s-1990s. Also included are clippings, correspondence, and other documents relating to planning and/or zoning issues in Lincoln, 1930-1969.

The collection is arranged topically.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Planning. (43 folders)

Series 2: Zoning. (5 folders)

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 Series 1, Planning

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1-4	2003.025.1.1	Minutes of Lincoln Planning Board meetings, arranged in folders by quarter : typescript / 1982.
1	5-8	2003.025.1.2	Minutes of Lincoln Planning Board meetings, arranged in folders by quarter : typescript / 1983.
1	9-12	2003.025.1.3	Minutes of Lincoln Planning Board meetings, arranged in folders by quarter : typescript / 1984.
1	13-16	2003.025.1.4	Minutes of Lincoln Planning Board meetings, arranged in folders by quarter : typescript / 1985.
1	17-20	2003.025.1.5	Minutes of Lincoln Planning Board meetings, arranged in folders by quarter : typescript / 1986.
1	21-24	2003.025.1.6	Minutes of Lincoln Planning Board meetings, arranged in folders by quarter : typescript / 1987.
1	25-28	2003.025.1.7	Minutes of Lincoln Planning Board meetings, arranged in folders by quarter : typescript / 1988.
1	29-32	2003.025.1.8	Minutes of Lincoln Planning Board meetings, arranged in folders by quarter : typescript / 1989.
2	33-36	2003.025.1.9	Minutes of Lincoln Planning Board meetings, arranged in folders by quarter : typescript / 1990.
2	37	2003.025.1.10	Minutes of Lincoln Planning Board meetings : typescript / January 1991.
2	38	2003.025.1.11-.13	Correspondence relating to Town of Lincoln Building Code / 1955. (3 items)

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2	38	2003.025.1.14	Letter to Core House Corporation, Cambridge, from Lincoln Planning Board relating to voiding of building permit / October 13, 1955.
2	39	2003.025.1.15	"Steps taken to protect Boston's front lawn" : clipping relating to development of open space around greater Boston / Lewis A. Carter, Boston Daily Globe, February 13, 1956. (2 sheets) aqp
2	40	2003.025.1.16	"Lincoln votes down plan for So. Lincoln parking ... " : clipping relating to various land use and planning votes at 1961 Town Meeting / Fence Viewer, March 23, 1961. aqp
2	40	2003.025.1.17	"His poem sways voters, shopping center defeated" : article and poem relating to Town Meeting Warrant Article on land taking to prevent development / S.l., s.n., May 22 nd. aqp
2	40	2003.025.1.18	"Lincoln votes to but the land, at biggest town meeting" : clipping relating to town purchase of land for municipal purposes and to prevent commercial development / Fence Viewer, May 25, 1961. aqp (3 sheets)
2	41	2003.025.1.19	Long-Range Planning Committee minutes : typescript / January-June 1988.
2	42	2003.025.1.20	Long-Range Planning Committee minutes : typescript / July-December 1988.
2	43	2003.025.1.21	Cover letter and enclosures to members from MBTA Advisory Board, Boston / January 23, 1989.

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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	44	2003.025.2.1	Letter to Lincoln Selectmen from Mrs. Katherine Burgess, relating to request for zoning variance : typescript / June 13, 1930.
2	44	2003.025.2.2	Letter to Sumner Smith, Chairman, Lincoln Selectmen, from Max Segelman, Dorchester, Mass., relating to request for information concerning possible nonconforming use : manuscript / October 26, 1934.
2	44	2003.025.2.3	Notice of public hearing of Board of Appeals on request for variance : typescript / January 8, 1934.
2	45	2003.025.2.4	Invoice to Town of Lincoln from Parks & Stevens, Boston, for legal services in relation to Board of Appeals and Planning Board [et al.] : typescript (copy), 2 p. / May 1, 1955.
2	46	2003.025.2.5	"Rezoning ideas presented to Lincoln town boards" : clipping / Fence Viewer, December 5, 1968. aqp
2	46	2003.025.2.6	"Lincoln vote to decide rezoning of 140 acres" : clipping / Fence Viewer, January 23, 1969. aqp
2	46	2003.025.2.7	"How Lincoln took the zoning plunge" relating to rezoning of land for light industry : clipping / Fence Viewer / n.d. (2 sheets) aqp
2	47	2003.025.2.8	Minutes of the Zoning By-Law Revision Committee : typescript / January 8, 1985.
2	48	2003.025.2.9	Minutes of the Board of Appeals : typescript / September 1986-April 1987.